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SHOWTIME '84 TO BENEFIT MUSIC STUDENTS

Showtime '84, the annual scholarship benefit performance by the music department at the University of Montana, will be presented Friday and Saturday, Feb. 24 and 25. Performances in the Music Recital Hall will be Friday at 8 p.m. and Saturday at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.

The UM Opera Workshop has prepared a double bill that includes "Down in the Valley" by Kurt Weill and "The Stoned Guest" by Peter Schickele. Weill uses the traditional American folk tune to weave a love story of intrigue and tragedy. Schickele has made a career of writing musical satires of the Baroque period using the pseudonym P.D.Q. Bach. "The Stoned Guest" is high comedy based on operatic stereotypes.

The production staff includes stage director Jim Caron, artistic director of the Missoula Children's Theater; musical director Esther England, director of the UM Opera Workshop; assistant director and pianist Jon Quam, UM graduate student; and choreographer Mikael Patterson, a specialist in folk dance.

Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students and senior citizens. They are available at Eli's Tapes and Records, the Little Professor Bookstore and the UM Music Office. For further information or ticket reservations, call 243-6880.

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